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Post Harvest Losses
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the post-harvest losses in the country has reduced or increased during the last two years and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and

(b) the details of the increase or decrease in rural storage facilities during the said period?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) Central Institute of Post Harvest Engineering & Technology (CIPHET) has conducted two studies on Assessment of Quantitative Harvest and Post-Harvest Losses of Major Crops and Commodities in India and reports published in 2012 and 2015. The details of percent storage losses from 2005 to 2013-14 are Annexed.

The study of 2015 estimated that quantum of quantitative harvest and post harvest losses of fruits and vegetables were in the range of 6.70% to 15.88% (fruits) and 4.58% to 12.44% (vegetables).

The reduction in storage losses can be attributed to better storage technologies, facilities and other harvest practices.

(b): During last two years i.e. 2014-15 and 2015-16, an additional storage capacity of 10.98 Million MT has been created under Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure (AMI), sub scheme of Integrated Scheme of Agricultural Marketing (ISAM).